

City of Sugar City
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February 2014

Dear Sugar City Residents:

Calendar:

February 6, 7 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Meeting

February 13, 6:30 p.m. – City Council Meeting

February 14 – Happy Valentine's Day

February 17– Presidents' Day
City Hall will be closed

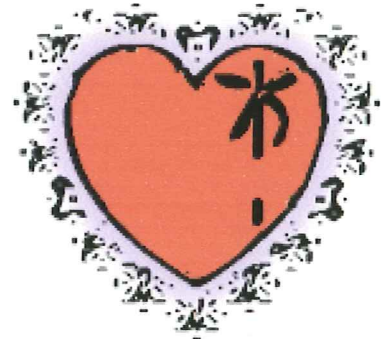
February 20, 7 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Meeting

February 27 – 6:30 p.m. – City Council Meeting

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

GARBAGE PICKUP:

Even though Presidents' Day falls on a Monday, garbage pickup will be on Thursday, February 20. PSI recognizes only six major holidays and this is not one of them.



EYEGASSES FOUND: A small pair of black wire-rimmed glasses was recently found at the Smith Park sledding hill. Come to City Hall to identify.

GRAIN SILO: PLEASE SEE THE INSERT INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

DOG LICENSES: All dog licenses expired December 31st. The licensing fee for each dog is \$12 per year. Penalties for an unlicensed dog start at \$100. Just a reminder, inside dogs also need to be licensed.

OVERNIGHT PARKING: JUST A REMINDER OF OUR SNOW ORDINANCE – NO PARKING IS ALLOWED ON CITY STREETS FROM DECEMBER 1ST THROUGH MARCH 1ST, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 O'CLOCK MIDNIGHT AND 7 O'CLOCK A.M. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN MOST SNOW IS CLEARED FROM THE STREETS.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S PHONE NUMBERS:

911 – Emergencies

356-5426 – Sheriff's Office (non-emergency)

356-3282 – Crime Busters (to stay anonymous)

CITY HALL PHONE NUMBER:

356-7561

Web site: www.sugarcityidaho.gov

Web site: www.madisonsheriff.com

Mayor Glenn W. Dalling
City Council and Staff

2014 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER INSERT

GRAIN SILO

In the late 1990s Steiner Elevator Company determined that the Sugar City grain elevator was no longer economical to operate. At that time there were office facilities and a feed storage area to the south of the silo and coal sheds on the north from which they sold coal. Steiners' property to the east of the silo had long been maintained by the city voluntarily to enhance the appearance of the city since 1969.

Steiners closed their business and on October 8, 1997 the city purchased the property for \$52,000 and approved another \$20,000 for demolition and cleanup of the existing facilities.

June 11, 2001 the city received a bid from Ard's Construction to tear down the elevator buildings and the silo, and to clean it up and haul it away for \$248,776. On the same date the city received a bid from Ron Parkinson for demolition, cleanup and hauling away the debris for \$47,000. The minutes do not reflect the reason for the decision to only clean up around it and not for removal of the silo. City officials have been concerned about the appearance of the silo for many years since it dominates the west entrance to the city, although some thought it to be historical landmark. The silo was constructed in the year 1906 and declared structurally sound in the year 2005, except for some damage caused by the 1976 Teton Dam flood.

The appearance of the silo continued to be a concern. On January 21, 2008 a plan was presented to restore and enhance the appearance of the silo (picture enclosed). The city applied for a grant to complete the project in the amount of \$494,635. The city would need to pay \$39,000 to complete the project. The grant was denied and since that time that source of federal funding is no longer available. More time elapsed, but the desire to do something about the appearance of the silo has continued.

Recently we have become more concerned about the safety and liability due to the fact that the east square on the side of the silo does not have a solid foundation and footing. This enables young people to tunnel the dirt berm and enter the silo and climb the rickety stairway to the top and look out the doors near the top.

Another liability, which surfaced recently, is the fact that a small amount of grain has been left in the silo bins and encourages the production of mice, and the broken windows allow access by birds. This has created a serious health hazard that has been brought to our attention. Due to the liability risks, we have been counseled not to clean it up ourselves but to obtain professional people.

In view of what has happened, here are the choices that face the community and the city council:

- (1) Leave the silo standing; cleanup bid \$63,784.32. This solution solves only the health hazard and no regard to the appearance of the silo.
- (2) Removal of the silo \$41,000, which would include \$30,000 for demolition, and \$11,000 for digging a hole and burying most of the rubble and covering or hauling away that which cannot be buried.
- (3) Removal of the silo \$68,000, which would include \$30,000 for demolition, and \$38,000 for hauling all debris away and filling the hole, which was created by removal of the footings/foundation.

JANUARY 23, 2014 THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADOPT #2 ALTERNATIVE.

